Installation of hi-tech software at Kolkata Airport for preventing smuggling

945. DR. C. NARAYANANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to instal a high-tech sofware at the Netaji Subash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata to check smuggling;

(b) whether such devices will be installed in other airports also; and

(c) the significant feature of this system in checking smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Information in this regard is being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exemption to AI and IA from paying sales tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel

946. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs has agreed in principle to exempt Air India and Indian Airlines from paying sales tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel for its international flights; and

(b) if so, whether this step will enable the airlines to conduct their operations without further losses of revenue?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs have opined that Central Sales Tax Act needs to be amended to render sale and supply of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to Air India and Indian Airlines for their international flights unchargeable '

local sales tax by declaring it as "deemed export". It will reduce the losses to the extent of pament of sales tax on ATF.

Modernisation of Central Training Establishment, Hyderabad

947. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilots undergoing training at the Central Training Establishment, Hyderabad;

(b) the steps taken by Government to modernise the CTE;

(c) whether it is a fact that the pilots after obtaining training and working for a short time with Indian Airlines/Air India are migrating to other airlines; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to stop migration of pilots to other airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The number of Pilots undergoing training in the Central Training Establishment are as under:—

– 63 Training Pilots for Induction Course of Airbus 320.

– 34 External Candidates for Endorsement Training on Boeing 737.

— 7 Pilots for A320 Conversion Course.

— 7 Pilots for A320 Endorsement Course.

Total 111

(b) Keeping in view the latest development in Information Technology, C.T.E. has embarked on modernizing the training infrastructure—the aim is to computerize the classroom training, examination process, evaluation, record keeping, fee back, training administration and Indian Airlines is joining the membership of TRAINAIR Programme of ICAO which will entitle Indian Airlines to conduct Standardized Training Packages of Inernational Standard for Operation Crew in the Region.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Pilots do not leave Air India/Indian Airlines after obtaining training and working for a short period